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In re Application of	:	
Michael Hong, Jiangming Xu	:	
Application No. 10/729,684	:	
Filed: December 5, 2003	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Attorney Docket No. 252209-1020	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the "PETITION TO FILE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO SIGN", filed December 5, 2003, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application was filed on December 5, 2003, without a fully executed declaration. The declaration contained the signatures for inventor Jiangming Xu; however, the signature block for Michael Hong was left blank. Accompanying the filing of the application was the instant petition.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor(s) cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an

acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s).

On petition, Rule 47 applicant has attested that inventor Hong was provided with a copy of the application papers via certified mail and e-mail. In support thereof, Rule 47 applicant has included copies of the e-mails transmitting the application papers. Subsequent attempts to procure Hong's signature were unsuccessful, and according to Rule 47 applicant, as of the date of the petition, no executed declaration from Hong has been received.

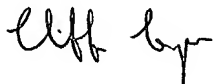
While Rule 47 applicant has not provided a statement of the last known address of Hong, the address listed on the 37 CFR 1.63 declaration is assumed to be his last known address: Rule 47 applicant should notify the Office if this is not correct.

On petition, Rule 47 applicant satisfied the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(a). The declaration submitted with the filing of the application has been determined to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address listed on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2173 for docketing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.



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In re Application of :  
Michael Hong and Jiangming Xu :  
Application No. 10/729,684 :  
Filed: December 5, 2003 : LETTER  
Title: Apparatus and Method for :  
Rendering Graphics Primitives Using a :  
Multi-Pass Rendering Approach :

Dear Mr. Hong:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (703) 305-0272. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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